

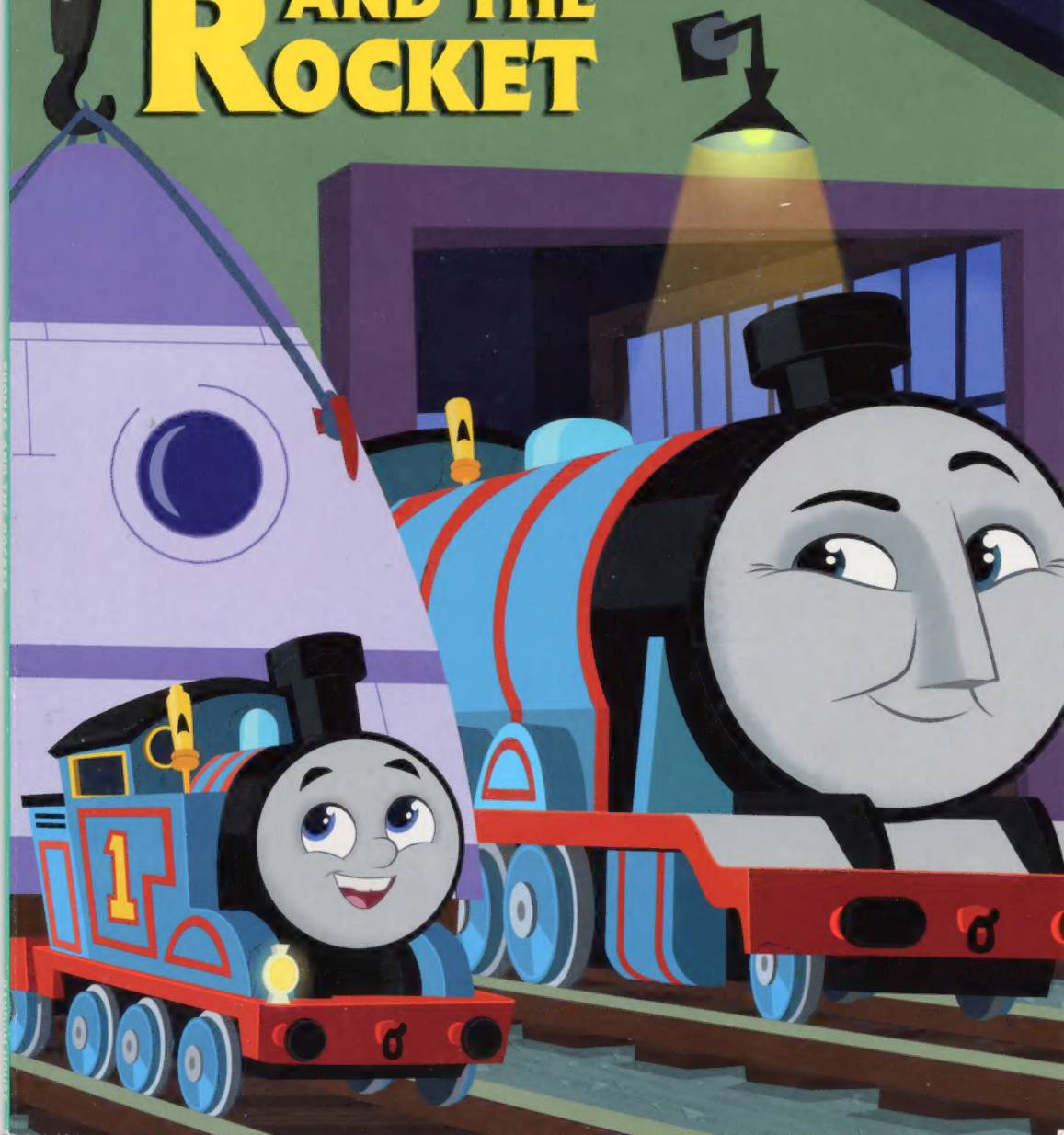


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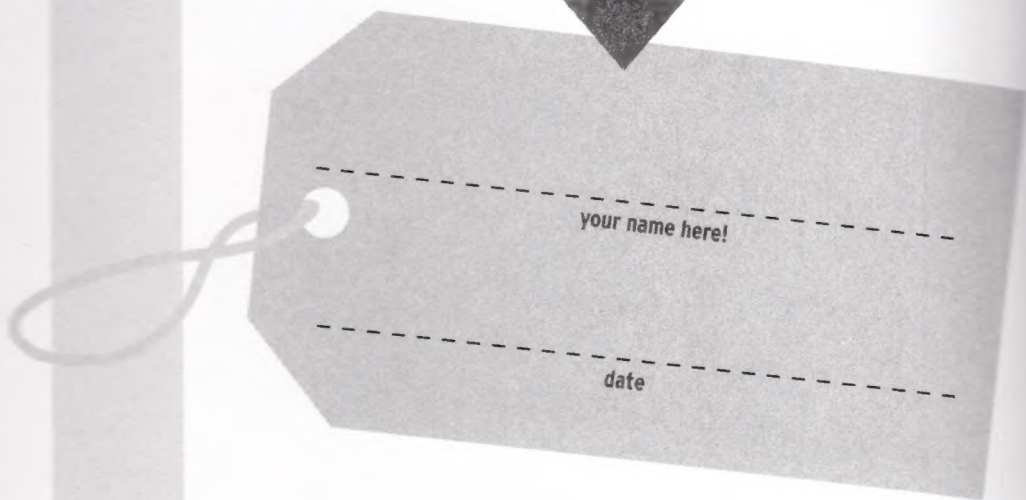
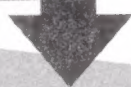
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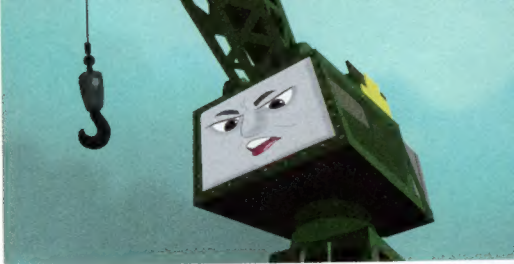
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Today is a big day!  
Thomas and his friends





will bring a rocket to  
Brendam Docks.



Gordon is glad.

He will bring

the top of the rocket.





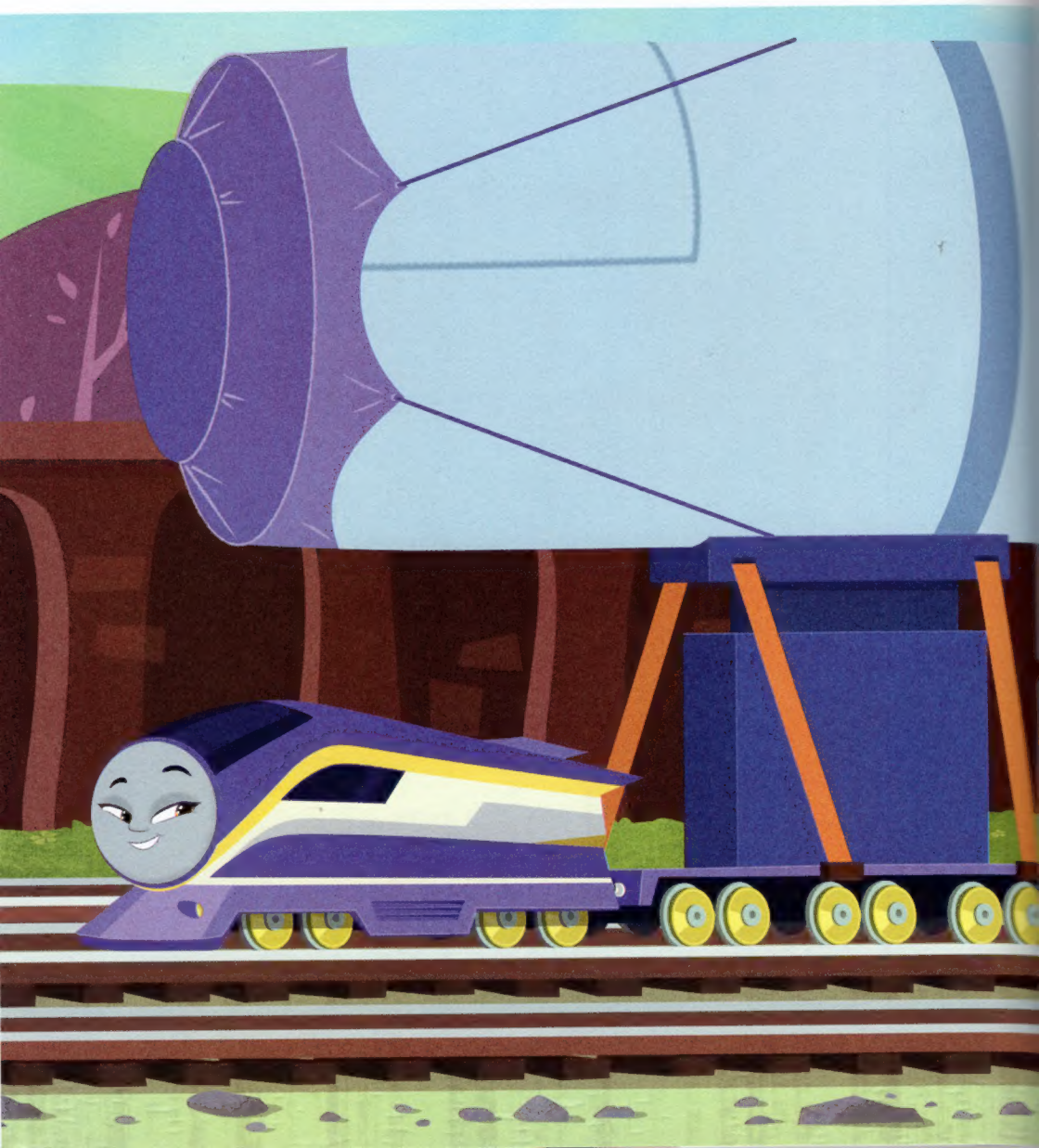


Nia is glad.

She will bring the  
body of the rocket.

Kana is glad.

She will bring the bottom  
of the rocket.







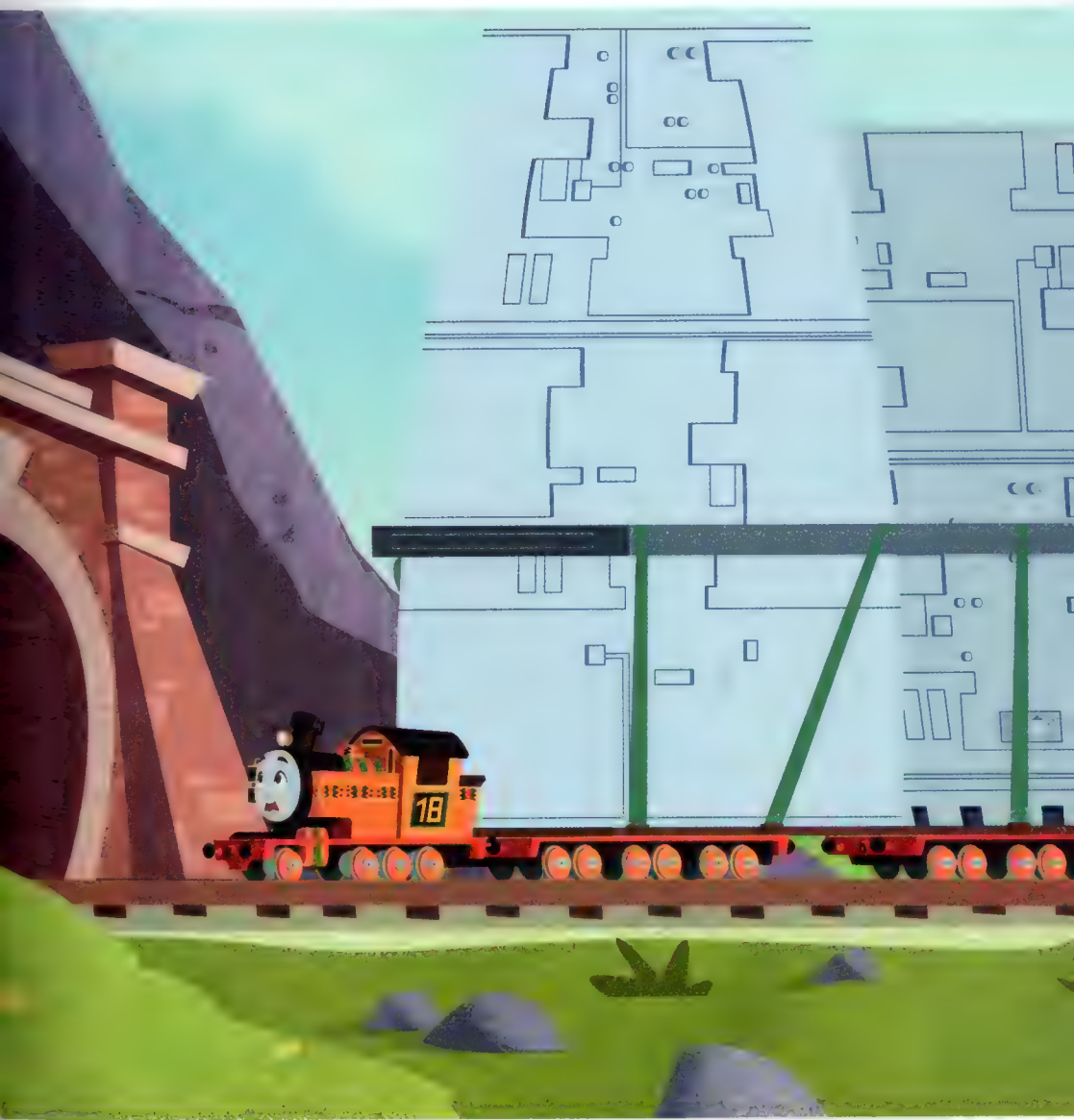
Diesel is glad.

He will bring the wings  
of the rocket.

Thomas is sad.  
He will bring  
a small battery.







Then Thomas sees Nia.  
She is stuck.

Thomas must help Nia.  
He switches her track.







Gordon is stuck, too!



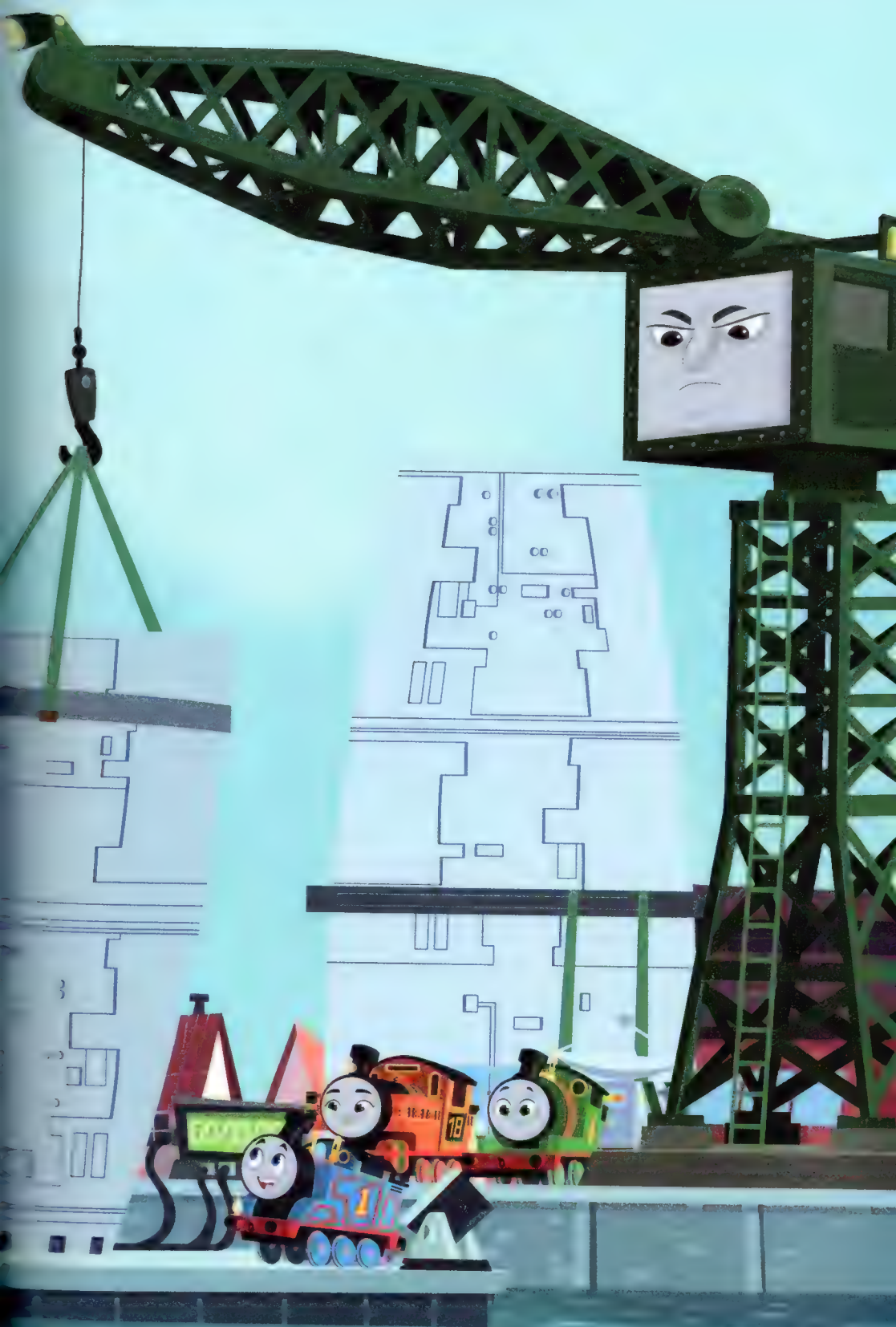


Thomas helps Gordon.



Cranky and the engines  
quickly build the rocket.







The rocket  
is almost ready.



But they need the battery  
to make it blast off.



Thomas hurries  
to get the battery.  
Uh-oh!  
He hits a rock.







The battery lands  
in the rocket!

There is no time to waste.  
Kana hits a button.





The rocket blasts off!  
The engines cheer.



Thomas saved the day.

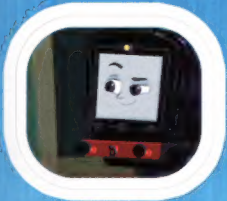
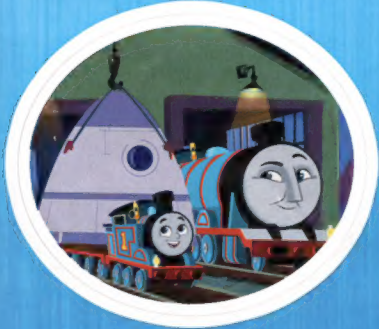
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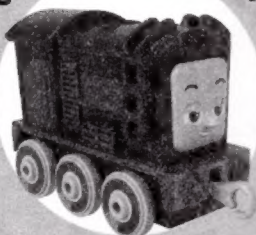
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